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Megan Sanders-Drazen is an attorney with the Wisconsin Defense Initiative (WiDI), an indigent defense nonprofit focused on representing young adults in postconviction and appellate proceedings in state and federal court. Before co-founding WiDI in August 2022, Megan spent seven years as a staff attorney with the Wisconsin State Public Defender, representing clients at the postdisposition and appellate levels in criminal, juvenile, termination of parental rights, and civil commitment cases. For her last couple years at SPD, Megan also served as the Appellate Division's staff training coordinator. During that time, she became a certified trainer for the Gault Center's Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP). She also organized, and served as faculty at, a three-day training academy for Wisconsin's appellate defense practitioners.

Before joining SPD, Megan clerked for Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Megan is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where she won awards for leadership and pro bono service. She is a frequent trainer and presenter on appellate issues, persuasive writing, and client-centered representation.